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TOPIC Laerz Airfield

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REMARKS

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1. A radio beacon was observed in forest district No 222 north of Granzow (N 54/U 33) on 23 February 1951. * It consisted of a wooden hut, an underground bunker, three dog kennels and a steel tower about 10 meters high, which was braced three times. A cable led from the top of the tower to the hut, from where several cables led toward the southwest. A cable conduit running in the same direction across the Kotzower See was also seen. No soldiers were noticed near the installation. eight to ten men were assigned to the radio installation.

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2. Six aircraft crates, which had arrived from the direction of Mirow (N 54/U 33), were being unloaded at the Laerz airfield (N 54/U 33) on 12 and 13 March. ** Three of the crates were taken to the western end of the runway, the other three to a point east of the administration building.

3. On 14 March, 29 MIG-15s, four two-seater single-engine planes fitted with radial engines and two PO-2s were parked at the Laerz airfield. *** During flying activity the road leading along the western edge of the field was blocked. About 10 a.m. four MIG-15s took off, needing about two thirds of the runway for their ground take-off runs. They flew wide circles over the field in formation and landed individually after about 15 minutes. They were then parked near the administration building. After about 20 minutes four other MIG-15s taxied to the take-off point and the same maneuver was repeated. At 11:06 a.m. two jet fighters took off, heading in the direction of Neubrandenburg (N 54/U 67) without returning to Laerz. During the flying activities three radio trucks and a fire truck were parked at the take-off point. Two jet fighters were being assembled in front of the wooden buildings east of the administration building. Two tank cars, which were being emptied into tank trucks, were seen on the spur track. A fuel dump was not seen at the field. Trucks were proceeding to the airfield.

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- * Comment. For location of radio installations, see Annexes 1 and 2. The installations mentioned in paragraph 1 and 4 of the present report are believed to be landing beacons. the landing beacon near the landing field is about 600 meters from the end of the runway.

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** Comment. These jet planes are believed to be replacements for the fighter units in Laerz.

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[redacted] There are some indications [redacted] that one of the two fighter regiments has been transferred to Pittstock.

2 Annexes: 2 sketches

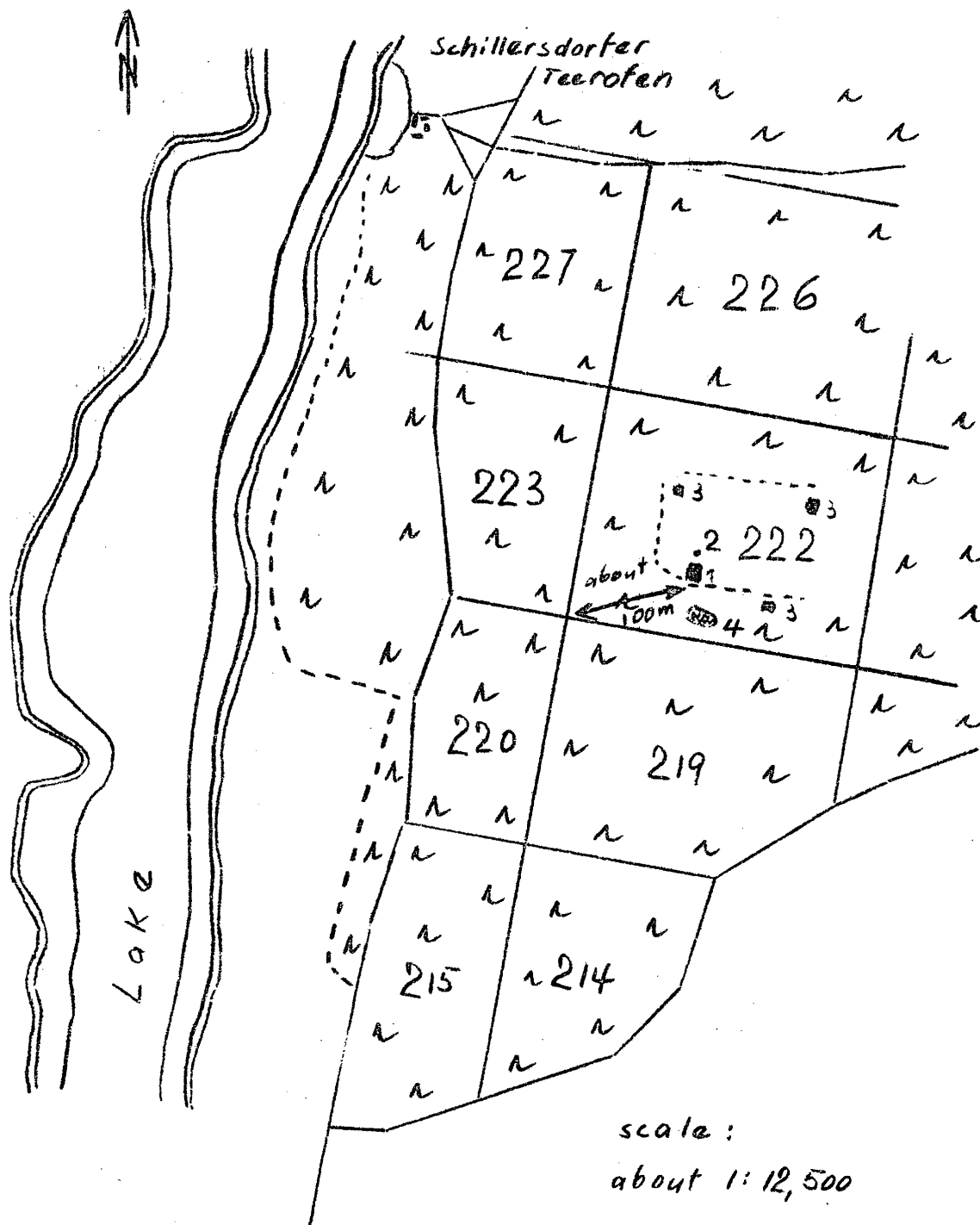
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Location of Outer Landing Beacon at Laerz

Legend:

- 1 Wooden hut about 3 1/2 x 5 meters
- 2 Tower, about 30 meters north of the hut
- 3 Three wooden huts
- 4 Earth mound

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